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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 65

Introduced by Assembly Member Members Brough and Harper
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Travis Allen)

May 6, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 65—Relative to the James Mitchell “Mitch” Waller Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 65, as amended, Brough. James Mitchell “Mitch” Waller Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 405 (Interstate 405) in the County of Orange as the James Mitchell “Mitch” Waller Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the costs of erecting the appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, James Mitchell “Mitch” Waller was born on
2 September 12, 1959, in Dallas, Texas, to James Russell Waller,
3 Jr. and Elizabeth Ann Waller. In 1965, Mitch Waller and his family
4 moved to Huntington Beach, California, where Mitch began his
5 education; and

6 WHEREAS, Mitch Waller joined the Boy Scouts of America
7 as a Cub Scout in his early school years and continued to participate
8 in the organization as a Boy Scout through high school, earning
9 the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout; and

1 WHEREAS, Mitch Waller graduated from Edison High School
2 in 1977. He continued his education at the University of California,
3 ~~San Diego~~, *San Diego* and graduated in 1983 with a bachelor of
4 arts degree in Biochemistry and Cellular Biology and a minor in
5 Economics; and

6 WHEREAS, Mitch Waller attended the Criminal Justice
7 Training Center at Golden West College, after which he began his
8 career in law enforcement with the City of Westminster Police
9 Department in 1984; and

10 WHEREAS, Mitch Waller married Sally Gouveia in 1994,
11 settled in Mission Viejo, and started his family; and

12 WHEREAS, While continuing his duties with the City of
13 Westminster Police Department, Mitch Waller attended Chapman
14 University School of Law in 1995. He completed his juris doctor
15 degree and passed the California Bar in 1999. In 2003, he was
16 selected to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigation National
17 Academy in Quantico, Virginia; and

18 WHEREAS, As a community leader, Mitch Waller rose through
19 the ranks to become Chief of Police for the Westminster Police
20 Department. He served the law enforcement and safety
21 communities for 27 years; and

22 WHEREAS, Mitch Waller remained committed to the
23 Westminster community and worked to develop positive staff
24 relations, communications, and infrastructure. Under his direction,
25 the new Westminster Police Department building was completed
26 in 2011, on time and under budget—an accomplishment of which
27 he was very proud; and

28 WHEREAS, Mitch Waller accepted an appointment to the office
29 of the Westminster City Manager in 2011, and he retired in 2012.
30 Throughout his exceptional career, Mitch had an impact on many
31 lives; and

32 WHEREAS, In his neighborhood in the community of Mission
33 Viejo, Mitch Waller was known for generosity with both his time
34 and talents. He was very active in his daughter Kiana's softball
35 teams, supporting them with everything from coaching assistance
36 to first aid. For his son, Chase, Mitch assisted with his training for
37 the high school cross-country and track teams, always there to
38 offer his encouragement and support; and

39 WHEREAS, The exemplary life of Mitch Waller ended
40 tragically in an accident on the morning of Friday, June 28, 2013,

1 at 53 years of age, while he was cycling with his good friend,
2 Kevin Beach, in the bike lane on State Highway Route 133,
3 heading toward Laguna Beach—a favorite destination; and

4 WHEREAS, The loss to the Waller family, his friends, and his
5 colleagues is immeasurable. Mitch Waller was an adviser, a
6 problem solver, and a hero to all; now, therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
8 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
9 portion of State Highway Route 405 (Interstate 405) between
10 postmiles 1.525 and 6.459 in the County of Orange as the James
11 Mitchell “Mitch” Waller Memorial Highway; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
13 to determine the costs of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent
14 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
15 showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations
16 from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and
17 be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
19 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
20 for appropriate distribution.